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September 27, 1993

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Ms. Marsha A. Adams
5HSM-5J, Responsible Party Search Section
United States Environmental Protection
Agency, Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604-3590

Dear Ms. Adams:

Wesnovtek Corporation received Request for Information Certified Letter, dated September 17, 1993, for the Stickney Avenue Landfill and the Tyler Street Dump sites in Toledo, Ohio.

The period of use for these two dump sites was stated to be from 1951 to 1981. We snovtek Corporation was not in existence during this time period and, consequently, had no association or dumping transactions with either of the two sites in Toledo, Ohio.

I can offer the following information to you which might be of some assistance to you in acquiring the information you need.

The manufacturing facility located at 4500 Detroit Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43612, was owned and operated by Dura Corporation from approximately 1922 through October 1966, at which time Kidde, Inc. purchased the stock of Dura Corporation, a Michigan corporation, and formed a wholly owned subsidiary of Kidde, Inc., incorporated as Dura Corporation, a New York corporation. This subsidiary of Kidde, Inc. owned and operated this manufacturing facility from October 1966 to February 12, 1982. As a part of the ownership purchase transaction between Kidde, Inc. and Dura Corporation, Kidde assumed all real and contingent liabilities of Dura Corporation and thus would be the responsible party for all dumping transactions with the Stickney Landfill and the Tyler Street Dump for 1951 to October 1966 plus the period of their ownership from October 1966 to February 12, 1982.

The history of Dura Corporation since February 12, 1982 to present follows a series of business asset sales to various companies and business entities. The last operator of the Detroit Avenue facility was Dura Mechanical Components, Inc. whose Corporate Offices are located at 1708 Northwood, Troy, Michigan 48084-5521.

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Dura Mechanical Components, Inc. operated the facility up to October 30, 1992, at which time the vacated facility was sold to The Four L's, 378 Phillips, Toledo, Ohio 43612, Mr. Kenneth J. Lay, Sr., President.

Records and file documents which may exist relative to any of the possible transactions between Dura Corporation and the two dump sites would be under the control or possession of either or both of the following corporations:

1. Wickes Manufacturing Company Attention: Mr. John B. Orgain, IV Assistant Vice President and Secretary P.O. Box 562237 Charlotte, North Carolina 28256-2237 Telephone: (704) 548-2350

(Note: Wickes may possess certain corporate level records and files.)

2. Dura Mechanical Components, Inc. Attention: Mr. A. M. Galat, Treasurer 1708 Northwood Troy, MI 48084-5521 Telephone: (313) 362-8300

(Note: Dura Mechanical may possess specific Detroit Avenue location business records and files.)

Insofar as Kidde, Inc. contacts relative to their period of ownership and responsibility, the following contacts are known to respond to such prior period transactions:

- 1. Mr. Paul T. Sullivan, Esq. Treanor, Harvey & Sullivan 34 Park Street Montclair, New Jersey 07042 Telephone: (201) 783-3733 Fax: (201) 783-1085
- 2. Ms. Terrance Faye
 436 7th Avenue
 Koppers Building, Suite 1001
 Pittsburg, Pennsylvania 15219

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I hope the above information and resources will be helpful to you and the Agency in resolving those open questions posed in your EPA Questionnaire. If I can be of further service to you or the Agency, please contact me at Wesnovtek Corporation, 31000 Telegraph Road, Suite 150, Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025 or telephone me at (313) 642-6995.

Very truly yours,

Ronald A. West

Chairman

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cc: Dura Mechanical

Attn: Mr. A. M. Galat

Wickes Manufacturing Co., Inc. Attn: Mr. John B. Orgain, IV

Mr. Paul T. Sullivan Treanor, Harvey & Sullivan

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